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SUBJ: JAPAN-PRC AVIATION

1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS AUGUST 23, PRESIDENT OF JAPANESE UPPER HOUSE, KENZO KONO AND CHOU EN-LAI DISCUSSED STALEMATED JAPAN-PRC AVIATION TALKS DURING FORMER'S RECENT VISIT TO PEKING. CHOU EN-LAI REPORTEDLY TOLD KONO THAT CHINA IS DEMANDING REMOVAL OF THE "SUN-IN-THE-BLUE-SKY" FLAG FROM CHINA AIRLINES (CAL) PLANES WHICH SERVE JAPANESE AIRPORTS AND THE REMOVAL OF CHINA AIRLINES GROUND SERVICE PERSONNEL FROM JAPANESE AIRPORTS. CHOU ALSO REPORTEDLY REQUESTED THAT TERMINATION OF JAPAN-TAIWAN AVIATION AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MADE EXPLICIT IN THE JAPAN-PRC AVIATION PACT. CHOU REPORTEDLY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO SIMULTANEOUS PRESENCE OF CHINESE AND TAIWANESE AIRCRAFT AT JAPANESE AIRPORTS.

2. PRESS REPORTS QUOTE SOURCES CLOSE TO GOJ TO EFFECT THAT PRC IS NOT VERY INSISTENT ON WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND SERVICE PERSONNEL FROM JAPANESE AIRPORTS.

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3. MASAKI SAITO OF CHINA DIV OF FONOFF NOTED PRESS REPORTS
BASED ON PRIVATE CONTACT AND THAT GOJ HAD NOT RECEIVED
SUBSTANTIATING INFORMATION THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.
IF REPORTS TRUE, HOWEVER, SAITO SAID HE BELIEVED
TAIWAN WOULD STRONGLY RESIST REMOVAL OF FLAG FROM ITS
AIRLINERS.

4. COMMENT: IF REPORTS OF CHOU EN-LAI'S COMMENTS ARE
TRUE, THEY WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE SOME MOVEMENT IN
PREVIOUSLY FIRM CHINESE POSITION IN DISCUSSIONS ON AVI-
ATION PACT. HOWEVER, WHETHER DEMAND RE ROC
FLAG WILL PROVE ANY EASIER TO DEAL WITH THAN PROBLEM OF
JUXTAPOSITION OF PRC AND ROC PLANES REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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